

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: U.S. COAST GUARD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the United States Coast Guard, after receiving testimony from Admiral Thad W. Allen, Commandant, United States Coast Guard.

AIR FORCE AND NAVY TACTICAL AIRCRAFT PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine Department of the Air Force and Department of the Navy tactical aircraft programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral David Architzel, USN, Principal Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, Lieutenant General Mark D. Shackelford, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Major General Johnny A. Weida, USAF, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Department of the Air Force, Lieutenant General George J. Trautman III, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, United States Marine Corps, and Rear Admiral David L. Philman, USN, Director, Air Warfare, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1382, to improve and expand the Peace Corps for the 21st century, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2839, to amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign programs and centers for treatment of victims of torture, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 624, to provide 100,000,000 people with first-time access to safe drinking water and sanitation on a sustainable basis by 2015 by improving the capacity of the United States Government to fully implement the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 409, calling on members of the Parliament in Uganda to reject the proposed "Anti-Homosexuality Bill";

S. Res. 446, commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Malta for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on August 8, 2008, at Valletta (Treaty Doc. 111-01), Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and New Zealand for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion With Respect to Taxes on Income, signed on December 1, 2008, at Washington (Treaty Doc. 111-03); and

The nominations of Elizabeth L. Littlefield, of the District of Columbia, to be President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Carolyn Hessler Radelet, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, Raul Yzaguirre, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, Theodore Sedgwick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, Bisa Williams, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Niger, and Robert Stephen Ford, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic, all of the Department of State, Lana Pollack, of Michigan, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada, and Walter Isaacson, of Louisiana, to be Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, and Dennis Mulhaupt, of California, Victor H. Ashe, of Tennessee, Michael Lynton, of California, S. Enders Wimbush, of Virginia, and Susan McCue, of Virginia, all to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, and a routine list in the Foreign Service.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: On March 10, 2010, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations: Senators Levin (Chair), Carper, Pryor, McCaskill, Tester, Kaufman, Coburn, Collins, McCain, and Ensign.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia: Senators Akaka (Chair), Levin, Landrieu, Burriss, Kaufman, Voinovich, Brown (MA), and Graham.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security: Senators Carper (Chair), Levin, Akaka, Pryor, McCaskill, Burriss, McCain, Coburn, Voinovich, and Ensign.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration: Senators Pryor (Chair),

Akaka, Landrieu, Tester, Ensign, Voinovich, and Graham.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery: Senators Landrieu (Chair), McCaskill, Burris, Graham, and Brown (MA).

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight: Senators McCaskill (Chair), Levin, Carper, Pryor, Tester, Kaufman, Brown (MA), Collins, Coburn, McCain, and Graham.

Senators Lieberman and Collins are ex-officio members of the subcommittees.

WALL STREET AND FINANCIAL CRISIS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine Wall Street and the financial crisis, focusing on high-risk home loans, after receiving testimony from James G. Vanasek, Scottsdale, Arizona, Ronald J. Cathcart, and Kerry K. Killinger, both of Seattle, Washington, Randy Melby, Miami, Florida, David Schneider, Princeton, New Jersey, David Beck, New Canaan, Connecticut, and Stephen J. Rotella, New York, New York, all former employees of Washington Mutual Bank.

GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine making the government more transparent and accountable, after receiving testimony from John Wonderlich, Sunlight Foundation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Stephen W. T. O'Keeffe, MeriTalk, London, England; and Thomas Blanton, George Washington University National Security Archive, Bogalusa, Louisiana.

ESEA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization, focusing on school turnaround, after receiving testimony from Robert Balfanz, Center for Social Organization of Schools, Baltimore, Maryland; Beverly Donohue, New Visions for Public Schools, and Joel Klein, New York City Public Schools, both of New York, New York; Timothy Mitchell, Chamberlain School District 7-1, Chamberlain, South Dakota; and Marco Petruzzi, Green Dot Public Schools, Los Angeles, California.

Impeachment Trial Committee (Porteous): Committee held an organizational meeting to examine the articles of impeachment against Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

INTELLIGENCE

Committee recessed subject to the call.

PRESCRIPTION PSEUDOEPHEDRINE IN OREGON

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine the status of making pseudoephedrine prescription only, focusing on Oregon, after receiving testimony from R. Gil Kerlikowske, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Charles J. Ganley, Director, Office of Drug Evaluation IV, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; John R. Kroger, Oregon Attorney General, Salem; Kent Shaw, California Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement, Sacramento; Gary W. Kendell, Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy, Des Moines; Keith Cain, Davies County Police Department, Davies County, Kentucky; and Linda Suydam, Consumer Healthcare Products Association, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 4992-5012; and 11 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 260; and H. Res. 1236-1245 were introduced.

Pages H2502-04

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H2504-06

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1174, to establish the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a cabinet-level independent agency in the executive branch, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111-459, Pt. 1);

H. Res. 197, to commend the American Sail Training Association for its advancement of character